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Application of: Monteiro et al.

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For: MULTICASTING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 18, 1997,
please amend the claims for the above-identified application
as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for transmitting message packets over a communications network comprising the steps of:
converting a plurality of streams of audio and/or visual information into a plurality of streams of addressed digital packets complying with the specifications of a network communication protocol,
for each stream, routing such stream to one or more users,
controlling the routing of the stream of packets in response to selection signals received from the users, and
monitoring the reception of packets by the users and accumulating records [which] that indicate which streams of packets were received by which users, wherein at least one stream of packets comprises an audio and/or visual selection and the records that are accumulated indicate the time that a user starts receiving the audio and/or visual selection and the time that the user stops receiving the audio and/or visual selection.

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